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FINAL ROAD CONNECTING LINK UNDER CONSTRUCTION
LAOS ROUTE 922 - SOUTH VIETNAM ROUTE 548

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A ROAD, CAPABLE OF BEING USED BY THE COMMUNIST FORCES, HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED CONNECTING THE ROAD NETWORK OF LAOS TO EXISTING ROADS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

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2. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM [REDACTED]

REVEALS CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION ON ROUTE 922 FROM THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TERMINUS AT UTM YD136025 CROSSING EAST-NORTHEAST INTO SOUTH VIETNAM AT 1618N 10702E (UTM YD184033) AND CONTINUING GENERALLY EASTWARD. THE ROAD THEN FOLLOWS THE ALIGNMENT OF THE LAOS/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER TO APPROXIMATELY 1618N 10705E (UTM YD232045). FROM THIS POINT ROAD CLEARING WITH INTERMITTENT EARTH MOVING ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED EXTENDING NORTHWARD TO 1621N 10705E (UTM YD232082), THEN EASTWARD

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AROUND THE SOUTHERN BASE OF CO A NONG (MOUNTAIN) TO 1621N 10708E (UTM YD278092). THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY THEN CONTINUES GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO A LUOI AIRFIELD [REDACTED]

5X1 [REDACTED] (ABANDONED) AT 1616N 10714E (UTM YD385004). RIVER CROSSINGS (ONE DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC) AT 1621N 10709E (UTM

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YD301090) AND 1617N 10713E (UTM YD367025) HAVE BEEN
IMPROVED. TRACKS ARE EVIDENT IN LAOS ALONG THE ROAD
CONSTRUCTION EASTWARD AS FAR AS UTM YD151023, 1.8 NM
FROM THE BORDER. SOUTH VIETNAMESE ROUTE 548 SOUTH FROM
A LUOI AIRFIELD SHOWS NO EVIDENCE OF RECENT USAGE. HOWEVER,
THERE IS NEW CONSTRUCTION FROM THE NORTH. THIS CONSTRUCTION
ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF A LUOI AIRFIELD HAS OCCURRED
SINCE

ALL UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L7014,
SHEET 6441 IV.

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